IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting VIII
24 April 2019

Summary Report

1.   The eighth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 24 April. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG, with Mr. Chengetai Masango representing the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on reviewing changes to the workshops evaluation process; main sessions; and updates from each of the MAG working groups.

2.   Following opening remarks from the Chair, the Secretariat delivered a series of short updates. It reminded MAG members to submit by next week their requests for funding support to attend the next face-to-face MAG meeting in Berlin, and that their requests are distinct from the broader Travel Support call for IGF participants from the Global South (applications for which are open until 30 June 2019). It also touched on the annual MAG rotation for 2020, sharing that this year there would be a very small turnover of 8 members, which will be followed by one of the largest turnovers in 2021. 15 nominations had been received thus far. The nominations process will also apply to the chairmanship of the MAG, with stakeholder groups invited to make recommendations. Related to this, the current Chair, Ms. St. Amour, informed she had taken herself out of consideration for the position and that this term would be her last.

3.   The Secretariat relayed final submission figures from the various IGF 2019 programme calls, which closed simultaneously with workshops on 14 April. It reported 45 proposals had been received for open forums, with an initial review finding 32 to be clearly eligible; 18 requests for DC sessions were received, among which 17 eligible; and 48 Day 0 requests, out of a total 52, were clearly eligible on first review. 82 requests for IGF Village booths had also been received. The Secretariat relayed that a 'hot-desking' type of arrangement would be an option for the Village, given that there were currently only 50 booths available and the need for the booths to be continually manned. By the time of the MAG's next virtual meeting, the Secretariat will have done a final review of all submissions and requests.

4.   An overview was then given by the Chair of the workshop evaluation and post-evaluation steps, as outlined in a document reviewed by the MAG Working Group on Workshops Process (WG-WSP). It was emphasized that although the individual grading procedures would be the same this year, a more in-depth selection process after the grading, according to theme, and conducted by the evaluating groups on that theme, would form an important part of the programme building. The evaluation working groups for each of the three themes would be scheduled to meet at least once virtually before the Third Open Consultations and face-to-face MAG meeting in Berlin. To support their discussions, analyses by theme would be prepared by the Secretariat. In previous years, such analyses were applied to all of the high-ranking proposals irrespective of theme, and focused on extracting their meta-metrics, such as stakeholder, regional and gender breakdowns, formats, durations and 'issue' tags, to ascertain how representative

they would be at surface-level. In contrast, this year, taking into account the strong diversity requirements already built into the proposal process, the analyses will align with the MAG's strategic aim for a more focused, thematically coherent, non-duplicative and dynamic array of workshops. As such, the information given to the working groups will examine whether the workshops rated highly under their themes are sufficiently relevant, present diverse viewpoints, address the most important policy questions, advance the discussions toward outcomes and whether or not they are repetitive within the theme or cross-cutting with other themes.

5.   In response to specific questions raised by members currently grading the proposals, a number of clarifications were issued. Members were informed that 'geographic diversity' should be across regions and that countries from the same region would not sufficiently qualify as diverse. They were further advised to carefully review declared descriptions or plans against listed speakers, as these may not always match. As to the question of declaring conflicts of interest, there was broad agreement that this was most applicable when a MAG member themselves was participating in the workshop, although other circumstances could apply. Members were also reminded that once all selections had been selected, they would be limited to speaking in more than.

6.   A discussion on main sessions for the 2019 programme followed. The MAG had begun to address these in their face-to-face meeting and there continued to be support for a 'top and tail' structure. This would consist in an introductory main session for each theme featuring substantive speakers, coupled with a concluding session at the end of the programme week. It was noted that the latter could be an important opportunity for summarizing the results or responses to the policy questions under the themes, and for potentially anchoring the reporting process for session organizers. It was further noted that the MAG could look at 'horizontal' processes across the sessions, such as the report of the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLPDC) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)'s 'Going Digital' framework.

7.   The MAG also heard short updates from the Working Groups on Outreach and Engagement (WG-OE) and on IGF Improvements (WG-IMP). WG-OE had submitted to the MAG a [new charter](#) for review. It was agreed the MAG would be given one week to make comments on this, which the group could incorporate before the MAG meets virtually again. WG-IMP said it was looking for current MAG members to lead or actively contribute to the group; members Chenai Chair, Raquel Gatto and June Parris have volunteered to step in.

8.   Lastly, to better adjust to the post-grading process, in which thematic working groups will meet to discuss the evaluated proposals, it was decided that the virtual MAG meetings IX and X, originally schedule for 8 and 22 May, would be pushed back one week to 15 and 29 May (as per the [calendar](#)). The Secretariat would assist the thematic groups in scheduling their individual calls in between these meetings. As to the pending question of whether to have the open consultations days of the Third MAG Meeting in June on the first or second day, it was decided the Secretariat would launch a poll to gauge community preferences.

MAG 2019 - Virtual Meeting VIII
Wednesday 24 March - 20.00 UTC

1. Adoption of agenda (5 min)
2. Chair's introduction and welcome. (10min)
3. Updates from the IGF Secretariat (10 min)
4. Questions on the Workshop review process (20 Minutes)
5. IGF 2019 Overarching theme (10 min)
6. Main session discussion (continued from F2F meeting) (30 min)
7. Update on MAG working groups (20 min)
8. A.O.B (10 min)

List of Participants

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Ms.	Gatto	Raquel	ISOC
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	ISOC / Global Voices
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Mr.	Jevtovic	Danko	Jugodata
Mr.	Malcolm	Jeremy	Prostasia Foundation
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	ICANN
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